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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2685

Introduced by Assembly Member Oropeza

February 20, 2004

An act to add Section 12812.4 to the Government Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2685, as amended, Oropeza. Vehicles: fuel conservation measures.

Existing

(1) *Existing* law prescribes the powers and duties of the Governor, the California Environmental Protection Agency, and the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.

This bill would require the Governor, utilizing the staff and resources of the agency and the commission, to launch a public education campaign informing Californians about ways motorists can reduce their demand for gasoline and diesel fuel, and save money.

(2) *The bill would provide that it shall become operative only if AB 1468 of the 2003–04 Regular Session is enacted and becomes operative on or before January 1, 2005.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the
2 following:

3 (a) There are more than 26 million motor vehicles registered in
4 California.

5 (b) Californians consume more than 18 billion gallons of motor
6 vehicle fuel annually.

7 (c) A study adopted by the State Energy Resources
8 Conservation and Development Commission (Energy
9 Commission) and the State Air Resources Board (Air Resources
10 Board) projects that demand for onroad gasoline fuel will increase
11 by about 1.6 percent annually between now and 2020; that onroad
12 diesel demand will increase by about 2.4 percent annually between
13 now and 2020; and that the number of motor vehicles that
14 Californians drive is growing at a rate greater than the population
15 growth.

16 (d) California's refineries are operating at near capacity and
17 California is importing more gasoline and diesel fuel annually to
18 meet this growing demand.

19 (e) The combination of greater dependence on imported fuels
20 and vulnerability to refinery outages exposes California's
21 economy to more frequent and higher fuel price spikes.

22 (f) Political instability in some oil-rich nations, combined with
23 OPEC actions, have raised petroleum prices to new levels.

24 (g) California gasoline prices are currently among the highest
25 in the country.

26 SEC. 2. Section 12812.4 is added to the Government Code, to
27 read:

28 12812.4. (a) The Governor, utilizing the staff and resources
29 of the California Environmental Protection Agency and the State
30 Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission,
31 shall launch a public education campaign informing Californians



1 about ways motorists can reduce their demand for gasoline and
2 diesel fuel, and save money.

3 (b) The campaign described in subdivision (a) shall include,
4 but is not limited to, information about saving gasoline by properly
5 inflating tires, buying low-rolling-resistance tires when replacing
6 original tires, properly maintaining oil and air filters, and using
7 public transit, bicycling, walking, carpooling, and careful motor
8 vehicle route planning.

9 *SEC. 3. This act shall become operative only if AB 1468 of the*
10 *2003–04 of the Regular Session is enacted and becomes operative*
11 *on or before January 1, 2005.*

